

DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM (15 CFR 700)

GENERAL

As a defense contractor for the Department of the Army, you are required to follow the provisions of the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) and the other applicable regulations and orders of the Department of Commerce (DOC) in obtaining products, services, and materials needed to fill this order. (Ref General Provisions, FAR 52.211-15.)

The rules relating to the status, placement, acceptance, and treatment of priority ratings and rated orders are contained in DPAS. There are two types of priority ratings: DO ratings and DX ratings. A priority rating consists of either of these rating symbols and one of program identification. For example, DO-A6 identifies the program as ammunition (A6) and gives the contract a DO rating. DX-A5 identifies the program as weapons (A5) and gives the contract a DX rating. The program identification symbol (A5, A6, etc.) does not affect the preferential status of the rating on the applicable contract.

Use of the priorities system is appropriate during the solicitation phase in aligning potential suppliers/subcontractors. It is, therefore, imperative that prospective bidders/offers identify each request for quotations issued to suppliers as a defense order with the applicable priority rating that would be assigned.

SEQUENCE OF FILLING RATED ORDERS

Acceptance of a rated order requires scheduling of operations to fill each rated order by the required delivery or performance date, regardless of the sequence in which the orders were received. If this is not possible, precedence must be given as follows:

- a. DX rated orders take precedence over DO rated orders, and DO rated orders take precedence over unrated orders. All DX ratings have equal preferential status; all DO ratings have equal preferential status.
- b. A conflict between rated orders of equal priority status: precedence shall be given to the order that was received first.
- c. A conflict between rated orders of equal priority status received on the same day: precedence shall be given to the order that has the earliest required delivery or performance date.

MANDATORY USE OF RATINGS

It is mandatory that prime contractors receiving rated orders extend the rating to their subcontractors and suppliers for the materials necessary to complete the rated contract. The priority rating appearing in the contract shall be used when placing subcontracts and purchase orders for production materials, components and/or items (e.g., special jigs, dies, fixtures, and inspection gauges) required for performance on a rated contract. The contractor shall advise subcontractors (first, second, or subsequent tier) to extend the rating and program identification when placing subcontracts and purchase orders. A rated order must contain the following:

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BIDDER/OFFEROR
(IOC Form 715-4)

This form may be used to:

- a. request use of Government-owned property or
- b. provide data for evaluation of bids/proposals.

A computer printout equivalent may be used. When requesting use of Government-owned property, you may consolidate to a single request all items for which the unit acquisition cost of each is less than \$3000. When using the form to provide data for evaluation, each must be listed separately.

The title blocks and columns are to be completed by the bidder/offeror as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM - Furnish a brief description and commodity code of each Government-owned item assigned to the bidder/offeror and required for performance under this bid/proposal. (Commodity code block 1, DD Form 1419, DOD Industrial Plant Equipment Requisition.)

GOVERNMENT ID NUMBER - Indicate Government identification number for each item described in the first column. If "no" Government tag number has been assigned, indicate manufacturer's serial number of each item. (Identification number, block 29, DD Form 1419.)

ACQUISITION COST - Includes original acquisition cost, any transportation and installation cost which were borne by the Government, and any additional costs expended to enhance the condition of machine which were at Government expense.

YEAR OF MFR - Enter last two digits of year of manufacture.

NO OF MOS - Number of months bidder or offeror requires usage of the property.

PRO RATA SHARE - Enter pro rata share (fraction) for the performance of this contract if property is being utilized in the performance of other contracts for which use has also been authorized. Supplemental information must be submitted to support the proration.

LOCATION OF ITEM - Enter name of plant where item is located.

CONTRACT UNDER WHICH FACILITIES ARE ACCOUNTABLE - Enter complete contract number.

LISTING OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR PERFORMANCE

DATE

LOCAL

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

CONTRACT/PROPOSAL NUMBER

THIS SUBMITTAL ADDRESSES (Check only one per page.):

ITEM TO BE MANUFACTURED AND NSN

PRODUCTION QUANTITY BEING CONSIDERED

☐ INDUSTRIAL PLANT
☐ EQUIPMENT

☐ OTHER PLANT
☐ EQUIPMENT

☐ SPECIAL TEST
☐ EQUIPMENT

☐ REAL PROPERTY
☐ ELECTRONIC TEST
☐ EQUIPMENT

☐ SPECIAL TOOLING

☐ AUTOMOTIVE
☐ EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

GOVERNMENT
ID NUMBER

ACQUISITION
COST

YEAR
OF
MFR

NO
OF
MOS

PRO
RATA
SHARE*

LOCATION OF ITEM

CONTRACT UNDER
WHICH FACILITIES
ARE ACCOUNTABLE

* SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ATTACHED.